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AASHTO STANDING COMMITTEES

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has five freight transportation mode policy committees. The standing committees are: Rail, Water, Aviation, Highway Transport, and Intermodal Transportation and Economic Expansion. Each standing committee has their own website and all five websites are listed on the AASHTO Freight Transportation Network. The website is: <http://freight.transportation.org/>

KY 2002 ECONOMIC CENSUS: Vehicle Inventory and Use Survey

The U.S. Census Bureau conducts a Vehicle Inventory and Use Survey once every five years as part of the economic census. The official report was just released in September 2004. The data collected includes both physical and operational information on the nation's truck population and produces national and state-level estimates of the total number of trucks. The following website leads directly to the Kentucky portion of the report. The website is: <http://www.census.gov/prod/ec02/ec02tv-ky.pdf>



PUBLICATIONS

Review of Available Freight Data

A review of available public and commercial freight data within the United States is the focus of a report released by the University of Texas at Austin's Center for Transportation Research. To read the full report go to the Transportation Research Board's website: http://trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=4129

DID YOU KNOW...

Kentucky's Railroads have:

- 2,674 miles of railroad track
- 4 major, 1 regional, 9 local, and 0 switching/terminal railroads (14 total)
- 6 intermodal facilities
- 286 million tons carried by rail annually



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TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

“Talking Freight” Seminar Series -

- **FREE** on-line course
- To register go to <http://talkingfreight.webex.com>
- Previous presentations can be found at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/freightplanning/talking.htm>



The “Talking Freight” seminar series is an effort to provide information and education on important freight topics to a broad audience. The seminars are held via web conferencing, meaning that the presentation slides are viewed over the Internet and the audience listens to presenters over the telephone. All seminars are held on the third Wednesday of each month, 1:00 - 2:30 EST.

January 19, 2005	Freight's Role in Economic Development: Success (Urban & Rural Areas)
February 16, 2005	Goods Movement: Urban Case Studies
March 16, 2005	Truck Separated Lanes/Truck Tolling
April 20, 2005	Freight Transportation and Air Quality - Notable Practices
May 18, 2005	Linking Freight with Context Sensitive Design: Notable Practices
June 15, 2005	Statewide Freight Planning Considerations

May 11–12, 2005 – FREIGHT CONFERENCE

- Location: TBA
- \$50 registration fee
- Two-day workshop is designed to introduce people working in the freight industry to the state-of-the-art technology. First day will have both general sessions and multiple breakout sessions. The Second day will be feature a Freight Planning course.

USEFUL WEBSITES

- Federal Highway Administration's Freight website:
<http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/index.cfm>
- Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC) Freight website:
http://transportation.ky.gov/Multimodal/KYTC_Freight.asp
A comprehensive list of freight websites is listed on the KYTC Freight website.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



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